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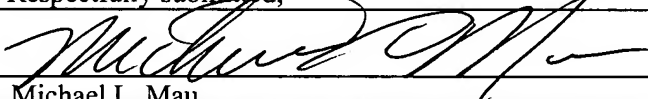
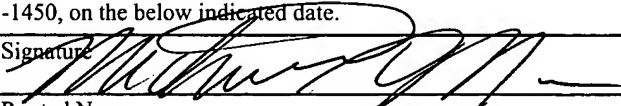
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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted prior to the first Office Action.